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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist and
Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *adg HOG*

RE: Site Inspection, Interpace Industries, Inc., Clinton
Mine, M/049/006, Utah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 28, 1991

Time of Inspection: 0910 - 1030

Conditions: Snow covered, cold

Participants: Mr. Dennis Rhine & wife, Interpace
Industries, Inc.; Tony Gallegos, Holland
Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the current status of the site and reclamation work which had been performed in the fall of 1989.

We met Mr. Rhine at the site under wet, slick and gooey road conditions. The first area visited was the Lehi Cut. This area was estimated at 10 acres by the Division. Currently this pit is being backfilled, as mining progresses in other areas.

The next area visited was the area adjacent to the Lehi Cut. This has been referred to as the North Cut in previous Division correspondence. This pit is the current site of mining. Plans for this pit are to lengthen it and advance on a curve into the hillside. Mr. Rhine indicated that Interpace may request a variance for the highwall in this pit. The wall is composed of large and sometimes thick layers of limestone bordering the clay deposit with a steep dip. Interpace will attempt to reduce the angle of this highwall when mining in the pit is completed, but this may prove to be difficult.

The next area visited is referred to as the East Cut. This area is a pre-law disturbance which Interpace is not required to reclaim.

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The last area visited is near the West Cut and the Narrow Cut. The reclamation performed in 1989 intercepts and surrounds these two "cuts". The Narrow Cut is a pre-law disturbance. Although the area was covered with 2-5 inches of snow, signs of successful revegetation were evident. Crested wheatgrass, alfalfa, and rabbitbrush were very happy and growing well on the site. We indicated to Mr. Rhine that this portion of the site was probably reclaimed sufficiently to grant release from further reclamation requirements. Mr. Rhine indicated that Interpace has become a considerably smaller company than they were before and wish to reduce any reclamation liability to a minimum. The reclamation at this site and more recently at the Pleasantview site, were attempts at reducing this liability and meant to be signs of good faith.

The inspection concluded with the understanding that the Division would need to inspect the recent reclamation work (earthwork) performed at the Pleasantview site (M/057/003) before an adjustment to the reclamation cost estimate would be considered. The reclamation performed to date at the Clinton site was considered successful and would also be taken into account. The Division is to conduct an inspection of the Pleasantview site in the near future, weather permitting, and inform Interpace of any adjustment in the reclamation surety which must be posted for these two mine sites.

An approved reclamation surety remains an outstanding issue for these sites at this time. The Division's September 11, 1991 letter allowed Interpace 60 days from receipt of the letter to post the revised reclamation surety. The Division should consider Interpace's reclamation efforts as an act of good faith in deciding what type of action will be taken, regarding a reclamation surety.

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